

# JERSEY WET BILLS ARE UP THIS WEEK

### Administration's Measure for 4 Per Cent Beer Considered Likely to Pass

## APPOINTMENTS EXPECTED

Special Dispatch to Evening Public Ledger—Trenton, Feb. 16.—The sixth week of the New Jersey legislative session, which usually lasts from ten to twelve weeks, will be ushered in tonight.

Apart from the suffrage question not one measure has been passed by both houses and very little has been done in either house, although the term is nearly half over.

With the question of woman suffrage out of the way, however, it is believed that matters will be speeded up a bit. Among the important legislation pending there are the suffrage amendment for 4 per cent beer by Minority Leader Barrett, which is an administration measure, another for 3 per cent beer on a referendum by Senator Haines, of Camden, and which many think will die in committee because of the referendum; the Kuylenstierna bill for a future hearing and the chances are rather against it. Many look for the easy passage of the Barrett bill. There may be an attempt to cut down the 4 per cent alcohol provision to 3 per cent, but it is scarcely likely that such a move will succeed.

Anxious to Do Something  
The Democrats, realizing that Governor Edwards was elected on strictly a wet issue, desire to do something worth while during the session. They are anxious to do something for the wets or they want nothing, and if nothing, they will throw the whole blame on the Republican majority in the Legislature and go before the people next fall on the wet issue and ask them to turn out the Republicans.

The Republican leaders fully realize this situation and do not want to be left "holding the bag." At the same time they do not wish to too readily help Edwards to win his campaign promises. They would like to see the governor's wet program fail, but do not want to shoulder the responsibility of blocking him for fear of the effect in the next election. Under the conditions, therefore, the outlook is for a liberal enforcement bill with a 3 per cent "kick."

It is known that many of the senators are opposed to a referendum bill because they believe the people are weary of referendums. The voters who elected Edwards they say want action, not delay. For that reason the talk of a 3 per cent referendum bill is being discounted here.

Senate Majority  
In the Senate a counting of noses last week showed that five Republicans, Messrs. Blanchard White, of Burlington; Charles D. White, of Atlantic; Stevens, of Monmouth; Bright, of Cape May; and Pilgrim, of Essex, favored the Barrett bill or something similar to it. These, with the six Democratic senators, could not over a measure of that kind in the upper house. In the Assembly, while Leader Hershfield appears to oppose the Barrett bill, yet the wets of both parties are in the majority in that body, and it is only a question with them of what kind of a wet bill to pass.

The Barrett bill is expected to be reported out of committee in the House tonight, although it may be held up and then an effort will be made under the rules to force it out. If it comes out the Republicans will likely attempt to alter it so that it cannot be called strictly a Democratic measure.

While the citizens' committee has failed to agree on a Sunday measure bill, it is understood that the motion picture interests have such a measure ready for introduction tonight. Of course, coming from that source, the bill will no doubt have more opposition on the floor against "commercializing the Sabbath" than if it came from disinterested parties.

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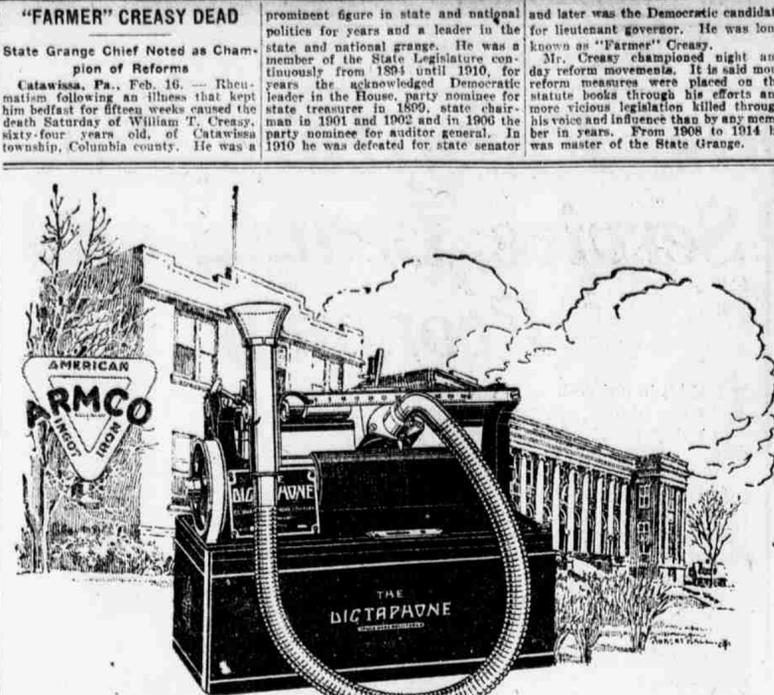
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matism following an illness that kept  
him bedfast for fifteen weeks caused the  
death Saturday of William T. Creamy,  
sixty-four years old, of Catawissa  
township, Columbia county. He was a  
prominent figure in state and national  
politics for years and a leader in the  
state and national grange. He was a  
member of the State Legislature con-  
tinuously from 1894 until 1910, for  
years the acknowledged Democratic  
leader in the House, party nominee for  
state treasurer in 1899, state chair-  
man in 1901 and 1902 and in 1906 the  
party nominee for auditor general. In  
1910 he was defeated for state senator  
and later was the Democratic candidate  
for lieutenant governor. He was long  
known as "Farmer" Creamy.  
Mr. Creamy championed night and  
day reform movements. It is said more  
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# 'Ware Benzoate of Soda Food Label, Warns McCann

## High-Grade Raw Materials, When Clean and Free From Infection, Need No Chemical Preserving Agent, He Says

By ALFRED W. McCANN

The statement that the United States government endorses the use of benzoate of soda in food products is a lie. The statement that the United States government recommends the use of benzoate of soda in food products is a lie. The United States government merely tolerates benzoate of soda and compels the food manufacturer who uses it to warn the public against it by declaring its presence on the label. This official toleration, brought about by terrific political pressure, compromise, and subterfuge, developed such a bad odor at the time of its application that its stench still smells in the nostrils of decency. The food manufacturers who resort to its use are ashamed of it. Under the law they have to confess its presence in their products, but they make their confession in a whisper, using the smallest type permissible. If benzoate of soda were a virtue which the writers of advertising copy could be proud of, they would loudly proclaim it in the boldest type. Why, then, do they never refer to it in their advertisements? Why are the designers of labels instructed to hide the phrase, "Contains one-tenth of 1 per cent benzoate of soda," along the border as inconspicuously as possible? Have these subterfuges no meaning for the consumer? Has the consumer forgotten that the government officials who so vigorously opposed the use of benzoate of soda were compelled to resign from office to make place for a group of soft peddlers, "safe and sane" officials who could be depended upon to stir up no more controversy on the subject? Benzoate of soda is a substitute for high-grade raw materials; a substitute for clean hands; a substitute for clean kettles; a substitute for clean methods of manufacturing.

Low-grade raw materials handled slowly, shifted, shoveled, poured in bulk, can be kept from rotting by the use of benzoate or any other embalming agent. High grade raw materials handled under clean and wholesome surroundings, free from infection, with self-respect and decency on guard, require no germicides or other chemical preservatives to keep them fit. To the manufacturers who use it benzoate of soda is commercially important and they derive great benefit from it. The public derives no benefit from it. Why should the public pay for it when at its best the only claim that can be made in its defense is that it promotes savage and rescues from the dump foodstuffs that would surely go there without the protection of dope. When Dr. Harvey W. Wiley and Dr. Floyd W. Robinson disobeyed orders from their superiors by continuing to prove through repeated experiments that benzoate of soda is a real poison when consumed with acids, tomatoes, orange juice, grape juice, cider or any other fruit or vegetable product containing acids they had to get out of the service "for the good of the service." Even when benzoate of soda is consumed in alkaline foods, such alkaline foods are invariably consumed with other foods of acid nature, whether the benzoate be in them or not. It is quite impossible on a mixed diet to consume non-acid foods. If benzoate of soda could be legitimately used in dairy products, including milk and butter, it would solve a problem that has vexed the scientific world for years. The government will not permit the use of benzoate of soda in milk. Why? Let the food manufacturers who use it in butter or other table fats churned with milk answer this question. Some day these facts, with all the scan-

dals which led to them and which have flowed from them, will be fully exposed, and the American people will learn that benzoate of soda is not only bad, but that it has a bad history. The American people will learn that this bad history is understood by decent food manufacturers, they promptly substitute for sanitation and decency benzoate, which is not a food, but a drug which has no food value, but a chemical value, and that in shunning it they benefit of the fact as they should boast of it. The surprise is that Americans have been slow to learn that benzoate is merely a substitute for sanitation and decency and that all the risks attendant upon its use and all the inferior makeshifts, misdescriptors, and compounds consumed under its protection, are suffered, not by the people who makes a profit out of it, but by the people and their children who eat it. Benzoate of soda has never been used except to cover questionable quality or to prolong unaturally the life of a product that would quickly rot without it. Hence, the government warning, "Contains one-tenth of 1 per cent benzoate of soda," is for your own sake, before you buy food of any kind, examine the label carefully. Look for the fine print, the inconspicuous phrase deftly concealed along the fringe of the cheap ornamentation with which the cheap label is adorned, striving to cover its sneak-thief humiliation in a squeaky little fine-print voice. When you hear that voice make up your mind that the food it describes could not stand up by itself, for which reason it must lean on chemical crutches. Pure food, properly prepared, doesn't need benzoate of soda, or any other drug. When you buy it you buy it on your own responsibility with your eyes open, though they may not be open wide enough to catch a glimpse of the tell-tale phrase "Contains one-tenth of 1 per cent benzoate of soda."

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